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THE FLAG ,

filled the air with their myriad cries*
The magnificent firmament poured light and
warmth upon
the surrounding sea*

The day after that on which the two
families had
taken refuge on the island, a bird
arrived, to receive
the warmest of welcomes. It was
the albatross
of Burning Rock, which Jenny had
found again
at Turtle Bay, and which had flown
away from
the top of Jean Zermatt peak in the
direction of
the Promised Land. When it arrived,
the piece
of thread that was still fastened round
one of its
legs attracted Jack's attention, and he
caught the
bird without any trouble. But,
unfortunately,
on this occasion, the
albatross brought no
tidings. 3

The men went up to the battery.
From the top'
of the knoll an uninterrupted view could
be obtained
north as far as False Hope Point, east as
far as Cape.
East, and south as far as the end of
Deliverance
Bay, To west, about two miles away,
ran the long;
line of trees which bordered the shore
between
Jackal River and the Falconhurst
woods. But;
they could not see whether the natives
were roaming?

about the Promised Land,

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Just at this moment, at the mouth of
Deliverance

Bay, a few canoes came paddling out to
sea, keeping

well beyond range of the guns in the
battery, B^

thl\$ time the savages had learned the
danger, M^

coining too near Shark's Island, and if
they shouli